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# Vermont

## Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

**The Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) is a commitment to protecting and sustaining our public lands.**

Established on August 4, 2020, GAOA LRF allocated over \$1.6 billion annually from fiscal years (FY) 2021 through 2025 to the Department of the Interior (Interior) to address priority deferred maintenance and repair needs on public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools. With GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus are:

- Funding 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Addressing nearly \$6 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improving the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

### GAOA LRF Impacts Across America\*



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



Improving ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Each year of GAOA LRF funding is estimated to support an average of **17,000** jobs and contribute **\$1.9 billion** to the U.S. economy



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

### Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Vermont

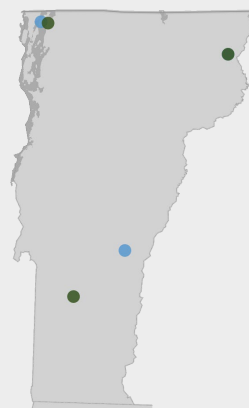
In Vermont, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is **\$34,001,000\*\***.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$5,266,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$28,735,000

### GAOA LRF in Vermont

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$6.8 million** towards improving approximately **4** assets across **3** projects in Vermont.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations and **1** NPS location in Vermont.



● GAOA LRF Projects    ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

### Assets improved in Vermont:



Operational Buildings



Transportation Assets

\* These numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

\*\* DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2025, rounded to the nearest thousand. DM&R is calculated based on asset repair needs in FRPP, which does not include assets with a status indicator of Report of Excess Submitted, Report of Excess Accepted, Determination to Dispose, Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.

# GAOA LRF Projects, Locations, and Funding in Vermont



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Dec. 2025
FWS	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge	Rehabilitation of the Multipurpose Administration and Visitor Facility	\$81,000
FWS	Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge-Nulhegan Basin Division	Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Public Use Facilities	\$989,000
NPS	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	Rehabilitate Trail Sections in New England*	\$15,000,000

\* Project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated amount of funding for these projects in Vermont.

<sup>†</sup> Rounded to thousands.

## Rehabilitation of the Multipurpose Administration and Visitor Facility

### *Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge*



Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge is a Wetland of International Importance with over 200 species of birds. The Administration and Visitor Contact facility at the refuge was constructed in 2006 and had suffered exterior deterioration due to the cold climate. This project renovated and weatherized the exterior of the facility by repairing or replacing wood beams, trim, siding, windows, and doors. The project is expected to save energy costs and protects the integrity of this structure, benefiting visitors and staff for years to come.

Facility at the Missisquoi NWR. Photo Credit: USFWS

## Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Public Use Facilities

### *Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge*

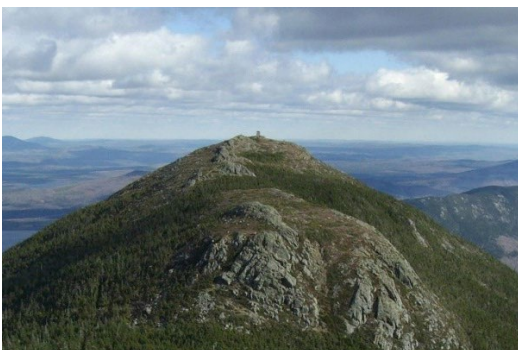


The Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge is a designated Important Bird Area that is open to the public for wildlife viewing, fishing, and environmental education. The auto tour route at the refuge has failing components and requires frequent closure for maintenance and repairs. This project will replace a bridge along the route to provide safe and effective public access. This project will also repair the Visitor Contact Station's roof, which cannot safely handle winter weather conditions.

Visitor Contact Station at Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: Kathy Fournier/USFWS

## Rehabilitate Trail Sections in New England

### *Appalachian National Scenic Trail*



The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a 2,190+ mile long public footpath that traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild, and culturally resonant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. This project will rehabilitate and repair numerous critical facilities located along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in five New England states, including Vermont. It will include a variety of work activities to correct deficiencies associated with trail-related assets such as trail treads, parking areas, maintained landscapes, trail shelters, bridges, privies, campsites, park boundaries, and water wells. This work will improve visitor safety, water quality, accessibility, and reduce erosion.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Photo Credit: NPS